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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 97(c), Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Attached is a Chinese Office Action dated July 20, 2007 with an English translation thereof.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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